SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR PROVIDING PERSISTENT CONNECTIONS BASED ON SUBNET NATURAL CLASS

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A method for providing a persistent connection between a client and a real server. The method includes receiving a request originating from a client for connection to a virtual server and selecting a real server associated with the virtual server for connection with the client based only on a natural class of an IP address of a device sending the request. Transmissions originating from the client are forwarded to the selected real server.

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